

I realize I am just one voice in a large country of silent people, but my two cents worth is that I am an XM subscriber and am an owner/operator of a one car Limo Service in the Greater Los Angeles Area, and without XM I often would have no radio for entertainment or news. As I drive around the Los Angeles City I have some stations drift in and out, get over-ridden by stronger more powerful or closer stations, in Torrance for example, KNX Radio (1070 AM) is so strong that practically no other station can be heard, and yet their signal is so strong as to be unhearable close to their tower (within a mile or so, and right where I live), yet I need their local road conditions to help me in my occupation. In other places of Los Angeles, i.e. the La Cienega off ramp of the I 10 (Santa Monica Frwy) , the signal is overtaken by a Spanish Language Station and I cannot even pull in KNX (or KFVB - 980 AM) to hear road conditions. On the North and South Bound CA 110 in downtown Los Angeles there is so much high frequency interference that it is impossible to hear ANY AM radio station. I mention these two AM stations because THEY claim to have all the traffic info I need, when both are competing, yet neither can be heard.

I was stuck in traffic UNDER the LAX airport tunnel north bound on Sepulveda, CA Hwy 1, for thirty minutes a couple of weeks ago and neither AM nor FM stations could be heard, yet XM was there, letting me know the congestion cause, an accident at the North end of the tunnel at Century Blvd. This greatly relieved my Client since there was NO indication upon entering the tunnel that there was a problem.

These are just a small portion of many many problems local AM and FM stations cause AND suffer from, and exactly why I went to a subscription service, not just because it is commercial free, but because it OFFERS me a service I NEED !

There is a need for Cable/Satellite Subscription TV stations, but even the local TV stations can't help me plan a trip when I am already on the road, yet now since there IS a way for me to learn of traffic hazards some lobbyists and NAB want to take it away? Why not have the members of NAB start taking care of what they CAN do, improve their services rather than fight the one service that IS helping?

Now there is a need for Cable/Satellite Subscription Radio, please don't take this away from me, nor the 1.8 million other subscribers in our great Nation.

Thank you for the time it took to read my comments.

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